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SUBJECT: SOUTHEAST TURKEY PRESS SUMMARY,
OCTOBER 11-13, 2003

1. This is the Southeastern Turkey press summary for October 11-13, 2003. Please note that Turkish press reports often contain errors or exaggerations; AmConsulate Adana does not vouch for the accuracy of the reports summarized here.

POLITICAL, SECURITY, HUMAN RIGHTS

2. Ozgur Gundem / Sevim Yetkiner was re-elected as the new head of the Mus Human Rights Organization.

3. Ozgur Gundem / Z.Y, a man released from Urfa Prison, stated that Halil Aykut and Mustafa Eroglu, guards in the prison, supplied guns and drugs for Mustafa Zincirlioglu from the Bucak tribe.

4. Ozgur Gundem, Evrensel / A Van Private Kurdish Language Center is starting Kurdish courses on October 15.

5. Evrensel / Dogan Karaoglan, head of the Malatya Human Rights Organization, stated that the "aim of sending Turkish troops to Iraq is definitely the Kurdish people in Iraq, Kurdish organizations and KADEK." Karaoglan announced that "the whole world is against this attack and is not sending its troops to Iraq, but our (Turkish) government is sending troops to put our country in a war under the leadership of the US."

ECONOMIC

6. Turkiye / An Adana Chamber of Industry Turkish business delegation returned from Iraq. Huseyin Sagar, head of the delegation, announced that there is a need for Turkish businessmen in the area and that Iraqi businessmen want to see more Turkish colleagues doing business with them.
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